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SUBJ: SUHARTO VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA

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1. CHIEF OF ROYAL PROTOCOL, ABD AL-WAHAB, TOLD THE AMBASSADOR MAY 8 THAT THE ON AND OFF SUHARTO VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA IS NOW ON AGAIN AT THE INSISTANCE OF MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRINCE SAUD AL FAISAL.

2. ABD AL-WAHAB SAID THAT CROWN PRINCE FAHD WAS REFLECTING THE SENTIMENT OF VIRTUALLY ALL CABINET MEMBERS WHEN HE MADE THE DECISION TO POSTPONE THE VISIT. SAUDI AL FAISAL DISAGREED, HOWEVER, AND TOOK IT UP AT A CABINET MEETING. HE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE IRRESPONSIBLE TO POSTPONE THE VISIT AFTER IT HAD BEEN AGREED TO AND WOULD BE HARMFUL TO SAUDI RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA. OTHERS AT THE CABINET MEETING DISAGREED SAYING THE VISIT WOULD BE BOTHERSOME AT THAT TIME AND SHOULD REMAIN POSTPONED. PRINCE SAUD SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN PUT IN CHARGE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO MAKE THIS KIND OF DECISION AND INTENDED TO DO SO. FURTHERMORE, INDONESIANS AND OTHERS HAD ALREADY BEGUN TO SPECULATE THAT THE DELAY WAS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED, OR THAT THERE WERE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN THE TWO
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COUNTRIES. THIS WAS CERTAINLY NOT THE CASE AND ONLY THE

RESCHEDULING OF THE VISIT WOULD STOP THE WAGGING TONGUES.
SAUDI PREVAILED.
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